

APPENDIX H

PRESENTATION AND MEETING NOTES FOR MEETINGS ON THE LOS ANGELES-TO-PALMDALE SEGMENT OF THE HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT DURING THE PROJECT SCOPING PROCESS



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Councilmember Jose Huizar
Councilmember, 14th District

Meeting Date: February 8, 2007

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Councilman Huizar's Eagle Rock Field Office
2035 Colorado Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Councilman Huizar; Field Deputies Paul Habib and Garth Weir; Carrie Pourvahidi, CAHSR; Dan Tempelis, Project Manager, Hatch Mott, URS, ARUP-JV; Brew Clark, STV; Lilian DeLoza, Consensus Planning Group; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Dan Tempelis introduced the project team members and gave an overview of the High Speed Rail (HSR) project from San Diego to Sacramento. Mr. Tempelis explained the status of the project to the Councilman and indicated that the goal of the meeting was to provide the Councilman with a history of the project, a description of the route and a schedule of upcoming activities. Mr. Tempelis also wanted to make sure that the Councilman understood that the proposed HSR would be partially in his district (Glassell Park / Boyle Heights), and that we were interested in hearing his comments and concerns before we went public on this phase of the project.

Questions Asked:

Councilmember Huizar asked a number of questions including:

- Is the project fully funded?
- Is this project statewide?
- Will this project connect to Las Vegas?
- Is all the funding coming from the State?
- How far away are we from seeing the full build out and development of the project?
- Will the project be grade separated?

Issues Raised:

While the Councilman indicated that he thought this system was incredible and long overdue, he asked that the team manage public expectations with regard to the timing of this project. Councilmember Huizar did not want the public to think this project would be happening soon. He wants to make sure that the team explains to the public that this project would not be built out until at least 2020.

The Councilman also asked that the team coordinate closely with Council Member Ed Reyes. As chair of the LA River Committee, Councilman Reyes and LA River supporters are interested in ensuring improvements along the LA River and may have concerns regarding the role of HSR on this corridor.

With regard to public outreach, Council Member Huizar asked that the team be sensitive to literacy and language issues along the corridor.



Action Items:

Meet with Council Member Reyes and LA River supporters regarding the proposed HSR route.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Jan Perry
9th District

Meeting Date: February 12, 2007

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Council Member Jan Perry's City Hall Office
200 N. Spring St., Room 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Lilian De Loza

Attendees: Greg Fischer, Transportation Deputy; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott; Brew Clarke, STV; Jose Martinez, Cordoba; Lilian De Loza, CPG

Introduction:

- Provided G. Fischer with a project update.
- Shared study schedule between now and June.

Questions Asked:

- How will you deal with providing access to the river throughout the City of Los Angeles?
- Who have you met with in the City Council? Have you met with Council Members Ed Reyes and Tom LaBonge?
- How do you discourage people from crossing the secure right-of-way?
- What is the authority of the California High Speed Rail Authority? Is it a State agency?
- What are the community benefits of High Speed Rail, especially along the River area communities?

Issues Raised:

- Concerned about the design aspect of the system given its proximity to Little Tokyo and specifically the Los Angeles River Master Plan efforts.
- Councilwoman Jan Perry will not support any alignment outside of the Los Angeles River area.
- Cautioned that Little Tokyo will be vocal if alignments cut through the community.
- If the alignment comes out of Union Station and veers towards the Los Angeles River south of First Street, G. Fischer believes that will be okay because that area is largely a commercial area.
- Councilwoman Perry chairs the Energy and Environmental Quality Committee and has been very supportive of the Los Angeles River revitalization because the City owes its existence to the river. The idea of restricting access to the river because of the potential for High Speed Rail along it will not go over very well.
- Timing for the discussion of High Speed Rail is lousy. If the California High Speed Rail Authority would have done this 10 years ago, it would have been easier to convince stakeholders that an alignment along the Los Angeles River was a good idea.
- The idea is wonderful, but rail is difficult to sell.
- In messaging for this project, the team should focus on the benefits High Speed Rail will bring to Los Angeles.
- You may want to identify project "champions" for pushing forth high speed rail (e.g., Eli Broad, among others).
- It will be difficult to do, but you may want to get Councilman Ed Reyes to get a motion on the floor of the council to support the concept of High Speed Rail if you can demonstrate the benefit to Los Angeles residents.

Action Items:

- Call Jane Galbrieth to schedule a meeting with Councilman Tom LaBonge



- Schedule a briefing with Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.
- You need to include the Little Tokyo Community Council, Central City East Association and Los Angeles River Area Business Association in the scoping process.
- Recommended that team speaks with the new Executive Director of LAWA to discuss the Palmdale and Ontario station areas for high speed rail.
- Suggested a conversation with G. Knatz at the Port of Los Angeles might be a good idea.
- Try to get a meeting with Gloria Jeff via John Fisher at LADOT.
- Meet with Ana Figueroa and Kim Takishi of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina
1st District

Meeting Date: February 21, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Supervisor Molina's Downtown Office
500 W. Temple, Room 856
Los Angeles, CA

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Nicole England, Transportation Deputy; Suzanne Manriquez, Field Deputy;
Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Brew Clark, STV; Jose Martinez, CHSR;
Lilian De Loza, Consensus Planning Group; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Mr. Tempelis introduced the project team and the purpose for the meeting. Mr. Tempelis indicated that the project teams for LA to Palmdale and LA to Irvine were both present to answer any questions regarding either of the alternatives, as they both intersect at Union Station and both routes were in sections of District 1, Supervisor Molina's district. Mr. Tempelis then went on to explain the planning process, size of the statewide corridor and the type of technology to be used.

Questions Asked:

- What is the total cost of the project?
- How much do you need to keep the project moving forward?
- What is the timeline for this phase?
- How high speed is high-speed?
- How long will it take to develop the work plan?
- Will there be a separate contract to get to the 30%?
- Who will be informed of the upcoming Scoping Meetings?
- Can names be added to the database?

Issues Raised:

- Will all grade crossings be separated? There is an area on the San Fernando corridor, near the Ribet Academy, that the community wants to make more pedestrian-friendly and having a high speed train going through there would not help achieve this goal.
- Both Ms. England and Ms. Manriquez suggested that the team focus the outreach message on the fact that the High-Speed Rail (HSR) would take a number of cars off the I-5 freeway.
- Ms. England indicated that the joint developers of Taylor Yards were supporting the HSR and have put aside approximately seven acres for station options.

Action Items:

- Ms. Manriquez suggested, and Ms. England concurred, that the team contact the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council in order to distribute information regarding the upcoming public meetings.



- Both deputies requested that they continue to receive updates regarding the project, and offered to help in any way they can.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Transportation & Goods Movement Committee

Meeting Date: February 21, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
350 South Bixel Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Notes by: Lindsay Patterson

Attendees: Dennis Papilion, URS; Lindsay Patterson, URS; Betsy Lindsay, Ultrasystems;
Andrea Campbell, Consensus Planning Group; 30 Chamber Members

Introduction

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation & Goods Movement Committee meeting was brought to order by Co-Chair Fran Inman of Majestic Reality Company. The meeting started with introductions and a presentation by Sam Morrissey of Wilbur Smith Associates on the Metro Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. Dennis Papilion then began the presentation on the High Speed Rail (HSR) project in the state of California, and specifically, the region from Palmdale to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to Irvine. Mr. Papilion began with an overview of the establishment of the HSR Authority and referenced the packet of maps and figures that were presented to meeting attendees. He explained that a programmatic EIR was completed for the entire project and that studies were beginning for the separate corridors. The five corridor segments were broken down into Sacramento to Fresno, Fresno to Palmdale, Palmdale to Los Angeles Union Station, Los Angeles Union Station to Irvine, and Irvine to San Diego. He also noted that we are in the Scoping phase of this project.

Mr. Papilion explained the benefits of the project, including grade separations and air quality improvements. He further explained the route the high-speed train will take from Palmdale to LA Union Station: passing through the Palmdale Transportation Center, the Sylmar Metrolink Station, the Burbank Metrolink Media City Station, and Los Angeles Union Station. Mr. Papilion also noted that the train is planned to travel through Taylor Yard. He then reviewed the planned Scoping Meeting dates and noted that the NOP/NOI is due out in March.

Mr. Papilion went on to explain the corridor from LA Union Station to Norwalk, Anaheim, and possibly Irvine. Betsy Lindsay from Ultra Systems noted that the high-speed train will travel along the existing Los Angeles – San Diego (LOSSAN) rail corridor. She also mentioned that Anaheim is building a new transportation center that will be a major center point for transportation in the area, including the high-speed train station. She noted that the LA Union Station to Irvine section is split into two phases. Phase I will study from LA Union Station to Anaheim and Phase II is proposed to study from Anaheim to Irvine at a later time period. It is not yet determined if the high-speed train will continue on to Irvine or just stop in Anaheim.

Mr. Papilion encouraged support of the 2008 transportation bond. At present time, Governor Schwarzenegger has not allocated funds for HSR in California's future budget. If the public does not support and pass the 2008 bond, the HSR project will end in June 2007. Mr. Papilion restated some of the benefits of HSR, such as grade separations and improved transportation.

Questions Asked

Dennis Papilion then opened the meeting up to discussion. The following questions were asked:

- Will HSR use the Metrolink Right of Way?



- Can you comment on the Bond issue?
- Why don't any of the proposed HSR lines connect to LAX?
- What happened to putting the corridor along Interstate 5 through the Grapevine?
- What is the propulsion technology proposed for use?
- Do you think the public is ready to support a \$40 billion project?
- Can HSR move cargo or just passengers?
- Who is your target audience? Commuters?
- What would the fare be?
- What is the expected completion date?
- Wouldn't passengers have to factor in terrorism, cost, and time factors for both the high speed train and air travel?

Issues Raised

Safety concerns with shared tracks between Metrolink and HSR were expressed. Mr. Papilion and Ms. Lindsay explained that there will be possible shared tracks, but additional tracks will be built, as well as the likelihood of aerial tracks in some areas. The issue of connectivity between the high-speed train and other major transportation venues, such as LAX, was also raised. It was expressed that the project might be more acceptable if the public can use it to further simplify their transportation options. Mr. Papilion explained that possible alignments were examined during the early programmatic stage of the project and that the current alignment was determined to be the most beneficial for the state, as a whole.

Action Items

No Action Items were determined.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti
13th District

Meeting Date: February 21, 2007

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Council President Eric Garcetti's City Hall Office
200 N. Spring St., Room 470
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Jane Berner, Associate Planner (CD 13); Helen Leung, Planning Deputy (CD 13); Jose Martinez, CHSR; Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Brew Clark, STV; Lilian De Loza, CPG; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Dan Tempelis gave an overview of the High Speed Rail project and its projected alignment through the City of Los Angeles to Ms. Berner and Ms. Leung. Mr. Tempelis indicated that it made more sense to expand High Speed Rail, which requires the equivalent of two highway lanes and can carry 25% more capacity, than it does to expand any other transportation infrastructure. Mr. Tempelis indicated that the project team would be meeting with all City Council members whose districts would be impacted by HSR, but that the team felt it was important to meet with representatives of Mr. Garcetti's office since he currently serves as City Council President.

Questions Asked:

- Will Metrolink facilities be improved?
- Will additional right of way be required?
- Can the existing and new transportation bonds be used to finance HSR?
- Has SCAG done work on the HSR?
- Does this alignment have anything to do with the MAGLEV line that is currently being considered?
- Why isn't there a connector to LAX?
- Will the train be electric?
- What will be the power source for the train?
- Will there be additional parking built at the existing stops?
- Is the LA River and the Master Plan being considered in HSR discussions?

Issues Raised:

- There needs to be coordination with LAWA.

Action Items:

- None at this time.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Wendy Greuel
2nd District

Meeting Date: February 27, 2007

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Council Member Wendy Greuel's City Hall Office
200 N. Spring St., Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Councilwoman Wendy Greuel; Jennifer Cohen, Transportation Deputy; Jose Martinez, CHSR; Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Jose Martinez and Dan Tempelis introduced the project and explained the six different segments of the HSR. Mr. Tempelis then indicated exactly where the HSR would go through the Councilwoman's district. Councilwoman Greuel indicated that she was familiar, in concept, with the planned HSR extension and she thanked the team for coming in to brief her.

Questions Asked:

- Wasn't there a presentation given to the LA River Committee regarding HSR?
- How long has the Authority been in existence?
- Who makes appointments to the HSRA Board?
- Is there any federal money for the project now?
- Which segment would be built first?
- How much funding is available for the project in this fiscal year?
- Has the Governor traditionally put funding for HSR in his budget?
- Who is the biggest advocate for the project?
- Is there any money available for this project in the current bonds?

Issues Raised:

Councilwoman Greuel is supportive of any type of public transit project, but realizes that no one is willing to change his/her behavior or pay for it. With all the discussion currently underway regarding transportation, this is a good time to talk about HSR. Councilwoman Greuel indicated that she would be willing to lobby for the project, but she needed to know who the main proponent of the project is at the State level. Councilwoman Greuel also indicated that she and a contingent of Council Members go up to Sacramento on a regular basis, and that she would be willing to champion this cause and try to help secure additional funding. However, she reminded the team that it is about priorities.

Action Items:

- Provide Councilwoman Greuel with the name of the project champion at the State level.
- Provide her office with notices regarding the upcoming public meetings.

California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:23 PM

Location: The Transit Coalition Dinner Meeting
Phillipe The Original Restaurant
1001 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles

Notes by: Marina Perez,
Consensus Planning Group

Attendees: 12

Introduction

The presentation was conducted by Brewerton Clarke to the Transit Coalition during their dinner meeting. The Transit Coalition is a broad based group of citizens mobilized to demonstrate community support for the economic development and improved transportation in the Los Angeles region. The following is a summary of questions and comments made:

Questions Asked

- Does this replace Amtrak?
- If I'm going to San Diego, would I need to switch trains?
- Will the train stop in Yorba Linda?
- If someone is in Irvine, would they have to go to Los Angeles to get to San Diego?
- What about Ontario Airport? Was it considered?
- What about Palmdale?
- Does the train connect directly from Los Angeles to San Francisco?
- Since this goes to the voters in 2008 and since there have been postponements, will this require a 2/3 approval?
- Has there been any polling on how the bond will fare?
- How slow can this train go and still be considered High Speed Rail?
- This station is Truckston, where is it?
- Can the train go out of state?
- This technology can't deal with the Sierra Mountains?
- What can you say about operating subsidies?
- How will this project compare to other projects being promoted like the "mag" projects?
- Is there a segment from Anaheim to Riverside?
- What is the first segment to be built?
- What's next for you guys?

Issues Raised

- We went to the LA River Group hearings. They don't want the trains. You need to elevate the tracks. You need to think about it creatively and make it happen so it doesn't break up their areas. We have attended meetings and these River folks aren't open to trains. You need to expand on the elevated structures as a possible solution. Also, something to keep in mind the environmental problems in that area. There's a long history of toxicity in those rails.
- I think the demand would be to go to San Jose.
- The State Bond will need 50% + 1 to happen. One of the key issues is who has the money and the stakeholders. If you get the mayor and the governor to push, then there's a good chance of this happening. A big issue is bringing in \$10B in bonds.
- This year is really critical. If it's going to happen there needs to be organization quickly. There are many lobbyists in Sacramento for High Speed Rail; you need to morph it into community support.
- This project has major impacts to the Metrolink and airport service
- This would be a big boom for connecting the center of the state with the rest of the state.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich
5th District

Meeting Date: March 5, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Downtown Office
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple, Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy; Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Jose Martinez, CHSR; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Mr. Tempelis introduced the project team and the purpose for the meeting. Mr. Tempelis explained that the project is "undergoing the preliminary environmental review process known as the Scoping Phase for the high-speed rail alignment from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Palmdale." Mr. Tempelis explained the size of the statewide corridor and what type of technology was going to be used. Mr. Tempelis also indicated that the expected travel time from the Palmdale Transportation Center to Union Station will be approximately 25 minutes.

Questions Asked:

- Why does the conceptual alignment not include a station in Santa Clarita?
- Is the Authority open to the possibility of a Santa Clarita station?
- What are the reasons a Santa Clarita Station is not possible?
- Why does Sylmar have a HSR Station?
- How will the proposed alignment affect communities between Santa Clarita and Palmdale, specifically Acton, Agua Dulce, etc.?
- What benefits will a new alignment provide for Metrolink?
- Will Metrolink and HSR share tracks through the Santa Clarita area?
- Will this project provide an opportunity to address grade crossings?
- Is the HSR project funded in the current bond money?
- Will right of way (ROW) be an issue in the Santa Clarita area?
- How does the HSR Authority engage the community in developing a station in the area?
- Is there any possibility of a median station along the 14 freeway?
- How often can the public catch the train, and what is the headway?
- Does capacity exist at Union Station?
- Will another station be created at the backside of Union Station?
- Is there a possibility of linking the HSR to Burbank airport?
- What is the difference between HSR and the Maglev system?



Issues Raised:

- HSR should look at the opportunity to partner with the airlines so they are part of the solution. There is nothing to say that the airlines cannot be the operators of HSR.
- This project has the possibility of redefining suburbs by providing community members with the ability to move up and down the corridor quickly.
- FRA has made trains too heavy by placing too many restrictions on them. Trains need to be lightweight.
- Make sure that local jurisdictions are not NIMBY's (Not In My Backyard).
- Mr. Cano does not believe that residents of Santa Clarita will drive to Sylmar, park their cars and take the train.
- Supervisor Antonovich wants to be the funnel for discussion of HSR in the Santa Clarita area.

Action Items:

- Supervisor Antonovich will introduce the project team to each city council along the corridor via a letter, in order to demonstrate that he is the facilitator for community input into this project.
- The HSR public outreach team will provide a list of meetings planned in District 5 to Mr. Cano, so that he can identify likely issues and introduce the project to community groups and elected officials.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Tom LaBonge
4th District

Meeting Date: March 5, 2007

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Council Member Tom LaBonge's City Hall Office
200 N. Spring St., Room 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Councilman Tom LaBonge; Transportation Deputy; Jose Martinez, CHSR; Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Jose Martinez and Dan Tempelis introduced the project and explained the six different segments of the HSR. Mr. Tempelis then indicated exactly where the HSR would go through the Councilman's district. Councilman LaBonge indicated that he was familiar, in concept, with the planned HSR extension and he thanked the team for coming in to brief him.

Questions Asked:

- Will the HSR be in the same San Fernando/Colorado corridor?
- Will you blow out railroad tracks?
- How is the HSR funded?
- What does UP think about the HSR project?
- What do the Mayor of Fresno and Bakersfield think of the whole thing?
- Are airlines the biggest opponents?
- What does Los Angeles MTA's Roger Snoble, think of all this?
- Will Maglev be able to use the HSR infrastructure?
- Could you still flip the technology?
- Who is pushing Maglev?

Issues Raised:

Councilman LaBonge is supportive of the HSR project and liked the Alameda Corridor and park on top. He has concerns about Councilmember Ed Reyes and also doesn't want the project to get stopped before it gets started. He raised the issue of the private/public partnerships with this project. He expressed his concern that Right of Way will need to be obtained. Councilmember LaBonge explained the struggle between the greater good versus the individual need for this high-speed train. He also expressed concern that the state government is pulling back on High Speed Rail.

Action Items:

- Councilmember LaBonge agreed to sponsor a meeting for the high-speed train with neighborhood council groups so they can learn about the project.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Tony Cardenas
District 1

Meeting Date: March 7, 2007

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St., Room 455
LA, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Eduardo Soriano-Hewitt, Deputy; Jose Martinez, Cordoba Corporation;
Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Mr. Tempelis introduced the project team and the purpose for the meeting. Mr. Tempelis then went on to explain the planning process, size of the statewide corridor and the type of technology to be used for the project.

Questions Asked:

- What is the impact of industrial trains on the line?

Issues Raised:

- No issues raised at this time.

Action Items:

- Mr. Soriano-Hewitt suggested that we coordinate with the District field office. He stated that he would coordinate those efforts.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Ed Reyes
1st District

Meeting Date: March 7, 2007

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Council Member Ed Reyes' Office
200 N. Spring St., Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Councilman Ed Reyes; Transportation Deputy Jill Sourial; Jose Martinez, CHSR;
Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Sylvia Novoa, URS

Introduction:

Dan Tempelis introduced the project and explained the six different segments of the HSR. Mr. Tempelis then indicated exactly where the HSR would go through the Councilman's district. Councilman Reyes indicated surprise that this project was moving forward since he had made it quite clear in the last go around that he had serious concerns with any proposed alignment that went through Taylor Yards or the Cornfield. The Councilmember indicated that that he was familiar, in concept, with the planned HSR extension and he thanked the team for coming in to brief him, but stated that he had concerns regarding the Program EIR/EIS.

Councilmember Reyes indicated that he did not feel it was appropriate to limit the Programmatic EIR/EIS to one particular route. The Councilman was hoping that other options from Burbank to Union Station would be reviewed and that all alternatives would be looked at. The Councilman wondered why the alignment was being limited to one corridor when there were two freeway alternatives. The Councilman wanted to know why this route was selected and if consideration was given to alignments going down the I-5, 1-10 or the 210 freeway. Councilmember Reyes also wanted to know what the possibilities could be and if it was too late or too costly to look at other possible alignments.

Because of past experience, Councilmember Reyes wants to ensure that there would be guarantees on what is promised as mitigations for this project. The Councilmember indicated that he had trouble giving this project credibility, especially considering how many years it has taken to get this far.

Councilmember Reyes recognizes that HSR is a massive engineering feat that could leverage future opportunities. The question was how these opportunities were leveraged.

The Councilmember expressed his concerns regarding this project and its impact on the Los Angeles River, especially in light of the new Master Plan. The Councilman is wondering if there is any connectivity between HSR and the Los Angeles River and if we are too late to contemplate those opportunities.

Questions Asked:

- What are the right-of-way requirements for this project?
- Does this project have the ability to provide mitigations?
- How long before the public can appreciate project benefits?
- Could Metrolink go underground if HSR went underground?
- What does Union Pacific think about the HSR project?



Action Items:

- Councilmember Reyes asked that we continue to work with his office and the community to ensure the public has an opportunity to participate in the development of this project.

MEETING MEMORANDUM

March 7, 2007

TO: Kip Field
FROM: Valerie Martinez
RE: Southern California Team Meeting with Robin Kramer

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Meeting with Robin Kramer – Chief of Staff to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

Attendees:

Carrie Pourvahidi, Jose Martinez, Peter Gertler, Dan Tempelis, Brew Clarke, Valerie Martinez, Richard Alatorre (URS), Mike Roos (URS)

Items to Discuss (per Jose):

- One program with three segments meeting in LA
- Introduction of three regional consultant PM's involved with the program in the LA area
- Description of each segment by respective project manager
- Briefing update (keep in mind FRA review)
- Proposed resolution/press conference
- Present the video simulation

Overall Feel of the Meeting

Kramer was open and interested in the project. The current transportation focus of the Administration is freight movement. She wants more detail about the project, including how it will impact freight movement. The Mayor has developed a working group related to freight movement. She recommended we access information about that and get involved.

She requested the following information:

- New ridership study
- A breakdown of how we're going to use the \$103 million we're requesting for the budget allocation
- Business Plan – specifically she asked for our 12-yr plan, 15-yr plan... Her intent was to determine how we plan to build this system.

Followup

Requested information was provided to Mike Roos, whom Kramer asked to gather the information. Authority leadership have designated Jose Martinez as the person to act as liaison and provide the above-mentioned information.

Post-Mortem

Mike Roos accessed conflicting information from Carrie Pourvahidi, related to how 2007-2008 budget allocation would be spent. Val provided Roos information off fact-sheet, which was then provided to Kramer.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA), Executive Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 8, 2007

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA)
42060 10th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534

Notes by: Marina Perez

Attendees: Daniel Tempelis, Hatch Mott; Marina Perez, Consensus Planning Group; Six
Members of the GAVEA Executive Committee

Introduction:

President Mel Layne welcomed the High Speed Rail team to the Executive Committee. Marina Perez thanked the group for the opportunity to share the information on CAHSR and shared the CAHSR DVD to the group and followed with an informal presentation which was followed by questions.

Questions Asked:

- What is your biggest challenge to making this a reality?
- What is your projected completion date?
- Can the train stop at the Indian Casinos?
- Does the High-Speed Rail Authority have the power of eminent domain?
- The High Speed Train seems as if it would be a lot quieter than other trains. Is this the case?
- There's been a lot of discussion about Maglev. What is this?
- Is there any communication taking place with LAWA regarding the new airport?
- Will there be a stop in Santa Clarita?
- You don't want to have too many stops, otherwise it's not High-Speed Rail.
- Who will finalize which alignment goes first and how will this decision be made?
- If the alignment goes from the L.A. basin to here, this would be a win-win situation since it would increase usage of the Palmdale Airport. There's your ridership.
- This looks like it runs close to Pechanga, near Murrieta. Is this correct?
- Is funding the biggest way to support your project?

Issues Raised:

- The HSR team should speak to Drew Mercy from the Antelope Valley Board of Trades. They meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM and with Superintendent Antonovich.
- Two key people the HSR team should contact are Senator Runner and his wife, Assembly Member Runner.

Action Items:

- Schedule a meeting with the Antelope Valley Board of Trades.
- Inform the URS Public Outreach team of suggested contact with area elected officials.

Prepared by





California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

San Fernando City Manager Jose Pulido

Meeting Date: March 9, 2007

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: San Fernando City Hall
117 N. Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

Notes by: Marina Pérez

Attendees: José Pulido, San Fernando City Manager; Ron Ruiz, Public Works Director;
Paul Deibel, Community Development Director; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott;
Marina Pérez, Consensus Planning Group

Introduction

Jose Pulido - City of San Fernando City Manager
Paul Deibel - Community Development Director
Ron Ruiz - Public Works Director

Questions Asked

- What's the relationship between High Speed Rail and SCAG?
- Does the CHSR Authority supersede Metrolink?
- Will the environmental analysis assess the economic potential or the potential to obtain private funding?
- How firm are the routes and stations? Are there any other considerations?
- Is there competition for stations in the San Fernando Valley?
- How is L.A. looking at High Speed Rail? Are they supportive of it?
- Have you spoken to the newly elected LA Councilman Richard Alarcon?

Issues Raised

- Shifting the station to the center of San Fernando would be something we would like to further discuss.
- We like High Speed Rail, but it needs to be below grade, and you would have to trench the area, probably near Estoria and Hubbard. There have been many suicides and there's also a middle school close to the tracks.
- Metrolink has been hosting meetings regarding safety in San Fernando.
- In order for High Speed Rail to work, you will have to have some authority.

Action Items

- Follow up with Ron Ruiz and Paul Deibel for additional contacts of key individuals, community based organizations, etc. for database and promotion of upcoming Scoping Meetings.

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California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Burbank City Council Member Dave Golanski

Meeting Date: March 13, 2007

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Burbank City Hall
275 E. Olive Avenue, 2nd Floor
Burbank, CA 91510

Notes by: Annette Cortez

Attendees: Dave Golanski, Burbank Council Member; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott;
Jose Martinez, Cordoba; Annette Cortez, URS

Introduction:

- The project team presented the HSR video, in addition to project background and scoping meeting information.

Questions Asked:

- Is long distance travel or the typical commute to work the challenge?

Issues Raised:

- Exciting project. I'd be happy to have the HSR access to Palmdale Airport.
- If I had millions of dollars available, I would probably tackle the local issues first.
- The City of Burbank is planning a grade separation on San Fernando Road and Buena Vista.
- The City of Burbank would benefit from the connection to Palmdale.
- Don't take our local money for this project.

Action Items:

None



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Burbank Vice Mayor Marsha Ramos, Council Member Jeff Vander Borcht, and City Staff

Meeting Date: March 13, 2007

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Burbank City Hall
275 E. Olive Avenue, 2nd Floor
Burbank, CA 91510

Notes by: Annette Cortez

Attendees: Vice Mayor, Marsha Ramos; Council Member Jeff Vander Borcht; Greg Herrmann, Chief Assistant Community Development Director, Planning and Transportation Division; David L. Kiske, Senior Planner, Transportation Community Development Department; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott; Jose Martinez, Cordoba; Annette Cortez, URS

Introduction:

- The project team presented the HSR video, in addition to project background and scoping meeting information.

Questions Asked:

- How is this project funded?
- How much has been allocated thus far?
- Did the \$13 million allocated this year provide the ability to study the Palmdale to LA route?
- How many members are on the HSR Board?
- Do you anticipate that significant additional funds will come from private sources?
- Is the County allocating money towards this project?
- Have you hosted other meetings on this project?
- What will the meeting format be?
- Is there an opportunity to merge the Maglev project from LA to Vegas with this one?

Issues Raised:

- Conceptually, I would imagine the community will embrace the project, until they feel an impact to their property.
- Could you provide our city channel with the HSR video?

Comments:

- We are excited about the possibility of having a station in Burbank.
- Contact our city channel for advertising opportunities.

Action Items:

- Confirm that the following City of Burbank contacts are in the HSR database: Traffic and Transportation Commission; Transportation Committee; Transit Task Force, Planning Commission. Contact Greg Herrmann, AICP, Chief Asst. Community Development Director, City Planner, Planning and Transportation Division at 818-238-5250 or at gherrmann@ci.burbank.ca.us for contact information of members to the groups listed.
- Contact City channel to discuss the placement of the HSR video. Cinda Cates at 818-238-5843 or at ccates@ci.burbank.ca.us.



- Add briefing attendees to the HSR database.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce—Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: March 15, 2007

Time: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce – Transportation Committee

Notes by: Marina Perez

Attendees: Daniel Tempelis, Hatch Mott, Marina Perez, Consensus Planning Group; Eight Members of the Transportation Committee

Introduction

The project team conducted a presentation of the HSR DVD.

Questions Asked

What would be the cost of a ticket for High Speed Rail?
How will the cars be accommodated? Will you build a parking facility?
Are there plans for parking options? It will be important.
Do project costs include grade separations?
What type of security do you anticipate on the train?
Won't security measures increase the time it takes to board the trains?
Will the train service have a business section?
Is there any coordination with the Orange Line?
Is there support to build both projects (Orange Line and HSR)?
Will there be shuttles between this line and LAX?

Issues Raised

It will be highly important for Santa Clarita to work closely with the Antelope Valley.

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**CA High Speed Rail
Los Angeles – Palmdale
Los Angeles – Orange County**

Meeting Notes

Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

Meeting With:	Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Ana Figueroa – District Chief of Staff Benjamin Escobedo, Field Deputy	Meeting Date: March 19, 2007
Attending:	D. Tempelis Hatch Mott; B. Clarke, STV; R. Diaz, STV and L. De Loza, CPG	Notes by: Lilian De Loza

Summary:

- Roderick Diaz provided Ana Figueroa and Benjamin Escobedo with a project update and walked them through the High Speed Rail power point presentation.

Issues Raised:

- A. Figueroa shared that the Congressional District goes through Downtown, East Los Angeles and Commerce and they were interested in learning about how HSR will run within these areas.
- A. Figueroa stressed that there might be problems if federal funds are required for HSR because there is a competition for these funds from regional agencies for projects like the Gold Line Extension and Subway to the Sea, among others.

Questions Addressed:

- Who funded the \$14.3 million? Were there federal funds involved?
- Have you met with the Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano?
- How many grade-crossings will be improved within the Congressional District?
- Are you coordinating with Councilman Ed Reyes and the Los Angeles River groups?
- Where are future funds for this project coming from? Will federal funds be required?
- Who are the champions for HSR at the State legislature?

Action Items:

- E-mail A. Figueroa and B. Escobedo a copy of the power point presentation.
- E-mail A. Figueroa and B. Escobedo a copy of the scoping meeting notice in PDF format for their distribution to their community-based organizations.
- Maintain B. Escobedo apprised with project updates and information.

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California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Neighborhood Councils Meeting

Meeting Date: March 21, 2007

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive
Los Angeles, 90027

Notes by: Annette Cortez, URS;
Marina Perez,
Consensus Planning
Group

Attendees: LA City Council Member Tom LaBonge; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott; Bob Rusby, URS; Sylvia Novoa, URS; Valarie McFall, URS; Veronica Seyde, URS; Annette Cortez, URS; Jose Martinez, Cordoba Corporation; Marina Perez, Consensus Planning Group (LA-Orange County Team)

Introduction:

The Project Team was introduced and the purpose of the meeting shared, followed by the DVD presentation of "High Speed Rail". LA City Council Member Tom LaBonge then gave a brief welcome and a statement of support for the HSR project. A PowerPoint presentation on HSR was then provided by Dan Tempelis. Approximately 20 members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

Questions Asked:

- Is this a question of building in hopes that people will use this system or have studies been conducted?
- Could you elaborate on the transit centers?
- Does this mean that the trains would stop in Burbank, Sylmar and Palmdale?
- Could you get on a train in Burbank to go to San Francisco?
- What is the political and financial status of this project? According to the timetable, the whole thing seems to rest on bond money. Is this correct?
- Is there access to LAX? HSR would help if there was connectivity with LAX.
- If this project gets funded, can it make its own money and fund itself?
- Do you expect the fare to be less or more than airfare?
- Is it fair to say that this will go to the Bay Area?
- Will the railroad be funding some of this project?
- Were there any considerations to alternate alignments like near the 101 freeway through Universal City or near the 170 freeway?
- What are the projected costs?
- Why is there an alignment to San Diego when you already have a railroad that goes to San Diego?

Issues Raised:

- Terrorism is a concern with High Speed Rail.
- High Speed Rail and the LA River Revitalization Plan can work together with the right alternatives worked out.

Action Items:

- None

Mr. & Mrs. Steven L. Dodge
2648 N. Commonwealth Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90037

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COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE
Neighborhood Council Meeting

Comments

Note: The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide information on the proposed High-Speed Rail Alignment from LA Union Station to Palmdale, LA Union Station to Anaheim, and LA Union Station to San Diego via Inland Empire.

1. What are your comments on the proposed High-Speed Rail alignment from LA Union Station to Palmdale, LA Union Station to Anaheim, and LA Union Station to San Diego via Inland Empire?

- Route does not include LAX but Ontario & Palmdale airports
- There are not good connections at other traffic generating hubs so that congestion will occur at those points - much as the freight Alameda corridor is fast but terribly inefficient at each end point & modal change
- There is no station proposed for Tulare county yet organizations there support it.

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO Maybe
What are your suggestions for improvement?

- The elimination of grade crossings on existing right-of-way would go a long way toward improving Metro Line & Amtrak services if a much smaller capital investment is made
- Improving the frequency, speed and feeder bus & metro access to existing stations would be much more cost effective.
- Don't need 2 1/2 hr to SFO but beating retail & car travel of 4-6 hr would allow a real choice to be made

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☐ Cleaner air *not with all the new electric coal plants needed*
- ☐ Traffic improvements
- ☒ Improved railroad crossings
- ☐ Reduced traffic at LAX *NO because no direct link on any mode*
- ☐ Safer means of travel *Maybe*
- ☒ Other benefits. Explain: *Need an integrated transportation plan not a predetermined modal choice so that big contractors can get rich.*

4. Other Comments?

- Poor planning has eliminated the existing freight RR (the ROW owners) from cooperating in this process. Help them and a net improvement with shared costs & benefits. There is not room for 5 or 6 tracks at the existing RR ROWs without making eminent domain land expansions.
- All HST services in other countries are high premium prices and such policy here eliminates many potential users of the transport system because of this kind of weak link.

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Build It Now

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

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3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☒ Cleaner air
- ☒ Traffic improvements
- ☒ Improved railroad crossings
- ☒ Reduced traffic at LAX
- ☒ Safer means of travel
- ☐ Other benefits. Explain:

4. Other Comments?

Get it on in the bullet

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BUILD IT

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☐ Cleaner air
☐ Traffic improvements
☐ Improved railroad crossings
☒ Reduced traffic at LAX
☐ Safer means of travel
☐ Other benefits. Explain:



4. Other Comments?

↘ use BNSF
Harbor Subdivision to
join LAX

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1. What are your comments on the proposed High-Speed Rail alignment from LA Union Station to Palmdale, LA Union Station to Anaheim, and LA Union Station to San Diego via Inland Empire?

IT IS MAGNIFICENT. PLEASE USE FINANCING LIKE WAS DONE FOR ALAMEDA CORRIDOR + BUILD AS ECONOMICALLY AS POSSIBLE. IF WE ARE GOING TO SPEND 40 BIL SPEND 42 BIL AND BUILD THE CARS HERE IN ONE OF OUR ECONOMICALLY BLIGHTED AREAS. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAN + SEND PEOPLE OVERSEAS FOR TRAINING. OUR POORER, LESS EDUCATED KIDS OF TODAY COULD USE THE HIGH PAYING JOBS THIS WOULD PROVIDE. WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD, THE U.S. LETS

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

GET OUR OWN WORKING CLASS CITIZENS THESE JOBS AND REBUILD SOUTH CENTRAL, WHICH NEVER REALLY WAS DONE AFTER THE RIOTS. HERE'S YOUR 2ND CHANCE.

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☐ Cleaner air
☐ Traffic improvements
☐ Improved railroad crossings
☒ Reduced traffic at LAX
☐ Safer means of travel
☐ Other benefits. Explain:

MAYBE NOT BUT SMALLER REGIONAL AIRPORTS ARE THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE SO WILL HANDLE THE GROWTH.

4. Other Comments?

AND PLEASE DON'T RIP US OFF!

THANK YOU.



CHARLES D. COUSINS

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Growing in metropolitan NY, I have a profound appreciation for transit, especially. I believe the better you are able to move people and goods, the better you are able to encourage an exchange of ideas and promote a better economy.

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

Why not accelerate the process by experimenting with a pilot line.

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☒ Cleaner air
- ☒ Traffic improvements
- ☒ Improved railroad crossings
- ☒ Reduced traffic at LAX
- ☒ Safer means of travel
- ☒ Other benefits. Explain: better accessibility to other areas.

4. Other Comments?

I would stay in California if a commitment was made to these transit systems

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Let's do it, we need it, the sooner the better

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☒ Cleaner air
- ☒ Traffic improvements
- ☒ Improved railroad crossings
- ☒ Reduced traffic at LAX
- ☒ Safer means of travel
- ☐ Other benefits. Explain:

4. Other Comments?

traffic is terrible, we really need this.

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Great idea but I am skeptical that people will actually use it in numbers sufficient to support it.

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

Transportation to the hubs and/or sufficient low cost parking

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☐ Cleaner air
- ☐ Traffic improvements
- ☐ Improved railroad crossings
- ☐ Reduced traffic at LAX
- ☐ Safer means of travel
- ☐ Other benefits. Explain:



4. Other Comments?

This must be a hassle-free alternative to driving.

COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE

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1. What are your comments on the proposed High-Speed Rail alignment from LA Union Station to Palmdale, LA Union Station to Anaheim, and LA Union Station to San Diego via Inland Empire?

Fares for local commutes (e.g., Union Station to Burbank or to Sylmar) should be at a reasonable cost. Currently, Metrolink is too expensive for me. Will this make it even more expensive?

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☒ Cleaner air
- ☒ Traffic improvements
- ☐ Improved railroad crossings
- ☐ Reduced traffic at LAX
- ☒ Safer means of travel
- ☐ Other benefits. Explain:

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Neighborhood Council Meeting

Comments

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1. What are your comments on the proposed High-Speed Rail alignment from LA Union Station to Palmdale, LA Union Station to Anaheim, and LA Union Station to San Diego via Inland Empire?

PLEASE CONSIDER AN ALIGNMENT
THROUGH HOLLYWOOD - CA 170 TO US 101
TO UNION STATION

2. Do you support the California High-Speed Rail? Circle: YES or NO
What are your suggestions for improvement?

3. Do you think the California HSR will bring the following benefits to your area?

- ☐ Cleaner air
- ☐ Traffic improvements
- ☐ Improved railroad crossings
- ☐ Reduced traffic at LAX
- ☐ Safer means of travel
- ☐ Other benefits. Explain:

4. Other Comments?



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

City of Santa Clarita Mayor and City Council Members

Meeting Date: March 27, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Santa Clarita City Hall, Council Chambers
23920 Valencia Blvd., 1st Floor
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Notes by: Jennie Campos

Attendees: Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott; Jennie Campos, Consensus Planning Group;
Approximately 30 members of the public

Introduction:

An introduction was provided by City of Santa Clarita Mayor Marsha McLean. The City Council Members in attendance included Tim Ben Boydston, Frank Ferry, Laurene Weste, and Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Kellar. Due to the limited presentation time, a brief PowerPoint presentation was shown and hard copies of the presentation and briefing packets were distributed to attendees. This was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Questions Asked:

- I know the route is going through the area, but where exactly will the track run? Will the scoping period answer these questions?
- Since the Orange Line Maglev is also a rail project, how does this proposed project compete with HSR? Will they run along the same corridor? Will taxpayers have to pick one project over the other or will all of their money go into all projects?
- Why isn't a Maglev system being proposed for the HSR project?
- Will the train be elevated or at-grade? How will this affect the safety of people? How will this impact humans and animal species?
- If the train runs through the canyons, how will the canyons be impacted?

Issues Raised:

- The City Council acknowledged receiving a letter from Supervisor Mike Antonovich introducing the HSR project.
- Mayor McLean stated Supervisor Antonovich proposes a station stop in Santa Clarita.
- The City Council would like the HSR Authority to fully consider a station in Santa Clarita.
- The City Council has recently been briefed on the Orange Line Maglev project and feels that HSR is using an "old" technology (steel wheel on steel rail) instead of the newer Maglev technology.

Action Items:

- None noted.

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California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Glassell Park Neighborhood Council

Meeting Date: April 3, 2007

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Glassell Park Community & Senior Center
3750 N. Verdugo Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Notes by: Annette Cortez

Attendees: Dennis Papilion, URS; Annette Cortez, URS

Introduction:

Dennis Papilion provided a PowerPoint presentation on the HSR project, including project background and scoping meeting information, to the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Board. Meeting attendees included a field representative from LA City Council Member Jose Huizar's office, a representative from the Community Planning Bureau, and about 15 community members.

Questions Asked:

- If this project is approved, when would it be ready for use?
- Will existing rails parallel the HSR?
- How are you going to acquire land?
- How are you going to deal with eminent domain issues?
- Does the project require that you buy American (locally manufactured) equipment?
- I heard that Hyundai wants to purchase land in the US to build rail carts. Do you know anything about this?

Issues Raised:

- I believe this is a good project for our community, but we would like to learn how it will directly affect our community.
- I would prefer to receive electronic copies of future meeting notices and project fact sheets. This makes it easier for me to forward on to my contacts, plus it's more efficient.

Action Items:

Add the following contacts to the stakeholder database:

- Craig Weber, City of Los Angeles Community Planning Bureau, 200 N. Spring Street, Rm. 667, LA CA 90012, 213-978-1213, fax 213-978-1477, craig.weber@lacity.org
- Tony Butka, Mediator, Department of Industrial Relations, State Mediation/Conciliation Services, 642 Moulton Ave., #W-9, LA CA 90031, 323-791-7367 cell, 323-343-1140 fax, butka2@yahoo.com.
- Gloria Leonard, Spanish Translator/Interpreter, 323-665-6486, 323-253-1192 cell, wordaddict@earthlink.net.
- Bradley, Glassell Park Neighborhood Council President, Glassell Park Community Center - 3750 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065, Bradley@ebeassociates.com



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

City of Palmdale Mayor James Ledford

Meeting Date: April 4, 2007

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Palmdale City Hall, Conference Room
38300 Sierra Hwy, Suite A
Palmdale, CA 93550

Notes by: Julia Brown

Attendees: Mayor James Ledford; Steve Williams, City Manager; Laurie Lile, Assistant City Manager; Laura Biery, Administrative Analyst; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Mike Hawkins, PB; Eric Von Berg, URS; Ingrid Chapman, Chapman Communications; Robert Vanderstok, Chapman Communications; Julia Brown, URS

Introduction:

Dan Tempelis introduced the project and the team members present, and explained the differences between the LA to Palmdale and the Palmdale to Fresno high-speed rail segments. The official California High-Speed Rail Authority DVD was then played for attendees, followed by a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the LA to Palmdale HSR segment. Mr. Tempelis also discussed current funding for the project and the 2008 bond issue.

Questions Asked:

- How likely is the bond measure to happen?
- Has there been any movement toward solidifying the placement of the transportation bond on the ballot? Has there been any move to counter the Governor's attempt to stall the bond? Maybe other non-governmental entities can promote the bond issue.
- I don't think the 2008 bond is realistic and it will probably get delayed. This doesn't bring any money to the table, and sooner or later we'll need some real funding to get this project moving.
- What is the funding level being requested in the bond? This amount seems small compared to the current transportation funding available.
- Public/private funding competes with public projects and circumvents the decision-making process. It also lacks adequate performance evaluation measures.
- Will riders care about how this project is funded (public vs. private funds)?
- Can Metrolink and HSR operate on the same track?
- What type of freight are you anticipating for this system?
- Do you have any details to provide to the City?
- Are your Scoping Meetings being conducted for a project-level environmental document?
- Is it premature to look at alternatives at the Scoping Meetings?
- What type of presentation will be given at the Palmdale Scoping Meeting?
- What is the difference between the 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. sessions of the Scoping Meetings? Which one would members of the media attend?
- Will you show this same DVD at your upcoming presentation to the Antelope Valley Board of Trade?
- The Antelope Valley Board of Trade is a key group for your team to meet with. Media will most likely be in attendance.
- What are the criteria for deciding which segments move forward?



- The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has done some high-speed rail studies as well. There may be opportunities for partnership and connectivity with them. Is this being studied, along with a regional airport system? This study would determine how best to move people from LA Union Station to regional airports.
- The same money being spent on the "Subway to the Sea" project in Los Angeles could be used for this or a similar project.
- There are several groups including SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) and LACMTA (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority), that are lobbying for the same goal but ridership is the key issue for all of these projects.
- This project presents the opportunity to correct a failed Amtrak system between Los Angeles and the Central Valley.
- What about a Las Vegas to Palmdale line? How can we partner with other projects?
- What is the likelihood of getting both the Orange Line MagLev and the HSR projects in Palmdale?
- There are too many projects competing to go to the same place, and that competition keeps us separated politically.
- Instead of competing, can these different projects work together, since they would be targeting the same ridership?
- Both a rail and a MagLev (magnetic levitation) system are being proposed from Victorville to Las Vegas.
- I view Metrolink as being a local provider, while HSR will provide longer trips.
- A train going through Colton would cut off Northern Los Angeles County.
- Northern Los Angeles County ridership will be a huge player in future transportation projects.
- There is a lot of competition for building and improving roads in the area, and a lot of politics is involved in this.
- What exactly is the testimony from Palmdale mentioned on the "List of Supporters" in the CHSRA information packet?
- What do you need to be able to do your environmental work?
- Are the Los Angeles to Palmdale and Los Angeles to Orange County segments ahead of the other HSR segments?
- How much will your current work cost?
- If the environmental study is completed and certified in three years, how long will it remain valid?
- Is there any other option for preserving potential right-of-way?
- What is the amount of right-of-way needed for this project? Is Metrolink included in this?
- The HSR project will attract both short-distance (commuter trips) and long-distance (regional trips) riders.
- Developing these high-speed alignments is the critical first step in moving this project forward.
- Which comes first in this process—the political will for this project or demonstrating a need for such a project?
- The City of Palmdale is very supportive of this project.
- I hope to see this project become a reality in my lifetime.

Issues Raised:

Mayor Ledford stated that the City of Palmdale is supportive of the project and indicated his interest in receiving a template for writing a letter of support. He also expressed his hope that the HSR project and other similar projects being planned in the area can work together to achieve their mutual goal of improving transportation options in the area.

Action Items:

- Provide the City of Palmdale with a HSR DVD and a template for writing a letter in support of the HSR project.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA)

Meeting Date: Monday, April 9, 2007

Time: Noon

Location: Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA)
5121 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite 203
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Notes by: Marina Pérez

Attendees: Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Marina Pérez, Consensus Planning Group; Ten Meeting Attendees

Introduction:

HSR briefing packets were provided to meeting attendees as they walked in. Brendan Huffman provided a welcome and introduced Dan Tempelis as a representative from the California High-Speed Rail Authority. Technical difficulties were incurred with both the laptop computer and the in-house audio visual equipment. The HSR DVD was partially aired due to lack of audio in the in-house audio visual equipment. A PowerPoint presentation tailored to VICA was presented to the group and was followed by a question and answer session.

Questions Asked:

- Is there a cargo component to this proposed train service?
- What would be the price of a one-way fare? Would it be \$70? What would be the one-way and round trip fares?
- How is the HSR proposing to go from Sylmar to Palmdale?
- Amtrak has a difficult time moving goods, how will high speed rail overcome Amtrak's problem?
- How much is the bond set for in the November 2008?
- What's the viability of this beyond 2008?
- Is there a champion in the legislature?

Issues Raised:

None

Action Items:

None

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California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA)

Meeting Date: April 10, 2007

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA)
626 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Notes by: Marina Pérez

Attendees: Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Brew Clarke, STV; Mike Hawkins, PB; Peter Gertler, HNTB; Roderick Diaz, STV; Betsy Lindsay, UltraSystems; Elise McCollister, UltraSystems; Marina Perez, Consensus Planning Group

Introduction:

HSR briefing packets were provided to the eight meeting attendees present. David Wright, Chair of the Transportation Committee opened the meeting by having participants introduce themselves. HSR staff present included Brew Clarke (STV), Mike Hawkins (PB), Peter Gertler (HNTB), Dan Tempelis (Hatch Mott MacDonald), Roderick Diaz (STV), Betsy Lindsay (UltraSystems), Elise McCollister (UltraSystems) and Marina Pérez (Consensus Planning Group).

Due to time constraints, the presentation was limited to a PowerPoint presentation which was led by Brew Clarke discussing the LA to Orange County segment, followed by Dan Tempelis and Peter Gertler discussing the LA to Palmdale and LA to San Diego segments respectively. Betsy Lindsay provided the information on the environmental aspects of the project. Questions were received at the end of the presentation (see below). The HSR DVD was aired after the question and answer session and viewed by a few members of the CCA.

Questions Asked:

- Will you be looking for endorsement (or support) from this group?
- Let us know specifically who you would like to see letters sent to so that we can bring this up at our next meeting.
- Would be a good idea to meet in conjunction with this group as well as with other groups (e.g., Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce) to spread the word.
- What is the travel time for the HST?
- How many trains do you plan on running (per day) from Los Angeles to San Francisco?
- It seems rather optimistic that this will be on the bond measure for 2008. What if the bond doesn't pass?
- Am I misreading the map, or is there actually a direct link to San Francisco?
- What is the theory behind the train not traveling directly from Orange County down to San Diego?
- Aren't you theoretically replacing some of the Amtrak rail service?
- What percentage of this program uses existing ROW, and what percentage will be required?
- Do you have the authority to obtain ROW?
- What does the funding look like right now for the project?
- If someone travels from Anaheim to L.A. Union Station, will they be able to embark at Union Station?
- What will the fare be to ride the train?
- If the 2008 bond passes, when will the project be complete?
- What kind of opposition have you faced, if any?

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Action Items:

- HSR DVDs were requested and made available to the CCA at the meeting.
- CCA offered to prepare a letter of support to the HSR.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Valley Industrial Association of Santa Clarita (VIA)

Meeting Date: April 17, 2007

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Hyatt Valencia
24500 Town Center Drive
Valencia, CA 91355

Notes by: Lilian De Loza

Attendees: Daniel Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Lilian De Loza, Consensus Planning Group; Approximately 150 Attendees

Introduction:

An introduction was provided by Connie Worden-Roberts, transportation chair of the Santa Clarita Valley Industrial Association. Due to the limited presentation time, the California High-Speed Rail video was shown and briefing packets were distributed to the attendees. This was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Questions Asked:

- What are the major roadblocks for this project?
- How long will it take to build the system?
- Where does the electricity come from for the operation of the high-speed trains?
- How will parking be addressed at each of the station locations?

Action Items:

None noted.

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California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA)

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 19, 2007

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA)
42060 10th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Notes by: Marina Pérez

Attendees: Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Marina Pérez, Consensus Planning Group; 35 Meeting Attendees

Introduction

Participants were provided with a HSR briefing packet before the start of the meeting. After a brief welcome, the Vice President of GAVEA introduced Dan Tempelis to the group. Dan introduced himself and provided a quick introduction to High Speed Rail before airing the HSR DVD followed by a PowerPoint presentation. Dan then fielded questions from the audience.

Questions Asked

- What's the noise level like inside?
- How will luggage be handled?
- Will the Central Valley be sharing the lines?
- Will High Speed Rail have its own track?
- Will High Speed Rail replace Metrolink?

Issues Raised

None

Action Items

None

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California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Prudential Realty Group

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 19, 2007

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: IHOP Restaurant
24737 Pico Canyon Road
Newhall, CA 91381

Notes by: Marina Pérez

Attendees: Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Marina Pérez, Consensus Planning
Planning; 45 Meeting Attendees

Introduction

Roxy from Prudential Realty Group introduced Dan Tempelis from California High Speed Rail Authority. The HSR DVD and a PowerPoint presentation tailored to this organization was provided by Dan. HSR briefing packets were also distributed to all attendees.

Questions Asked

- Has the Maglev been completely ruled out?
- Will there be no station in Santa Clarita?
- How safe is High Speed Rail with the number of earthquakes we get in this area?
- Can you explain Maglev?
- The Chinese government recently instituted High Speed Rail. Why are we so behind the curve?
- When you place a station as a stop along the route, how much time does it slow the train down?
- Is there a definite route where the train will go?
- Is this system still just a discussion? If not, what's the holdup? How do we make this happen?
- Will the price of oil affect the possibility of this being built?
- How much will this cost?
- What about the issues of security and terrorism?
- What if there's not enough money?
- Will you be working with the community?
- How can we access the engineering information?
- If people are interested in participating in the Advisory Committee, how can they get more information?
- If it's \$40 billion overall, how much would it cost just for the Santa Clarita segment?
- Will the California High Speed Rail Authority use the power of Eminent Domain to acquire land?
- How does this system compare to the system in France?
- Is there a US-based manufacturer (to build the train)?
- Are these trains designed to avoid derailing?

Issues Raised

- I strongly suggest we have a station built in Santa Clarita. We will have a bigger growth in population by the time this system is built, so we will need it.
- It's important to have groups identified prior to the workshop.

Action Items

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- Mike Jenkins requested the team schedule additional presentations to groups in the area. He stated he would be in contact with us and provide a list.



California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Antelope Valley Board of Trade

Meeting Date: April 24, 2007

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Cascades Grill
3905 Club Rancho Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551

Notes by: Julia Brown

Attendees: Dennis Papilion, URS; Eric Von Berg, URS; Ingrid Chapman, Chapman Communications; Robert Vanderstok, Chapman Communications; Julia Brown, URS; Approximately 30 Meeting Attendees

Introduction:

John Currado Jr., President of the Antelope Valley Board of Trade, introduced Dennis Papilion as a member of the LA to Palmdale High-Speed Rail team. The official California High-Speed Rail Authority DVD was then played for attendees, followed by a PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Papilion. A brief question and answer session followed the presentation.

Questions Asked:

- Is the Governor still against this project?
- What is the projection for the total number of riders heading in one direction in one day?
- What is the simple majority required to pass the bond measure?
- What are the current polls saying about the bond measure?
- Maintenance costs for current travel systems are astronomical. How much would it cost to maintain the high-speed rail system?
- What large groups are lobbying against high-speed rail?
- Will high-speed rail be comparable to air travel?
- What kind of discussion is taking place regarding expanding security for rail lines and projects?
- At what intervals would you have overpasses and underpasses, especially in the Central Valley area and with regard to farmland? People would need to be able to access their large farmland and would want to keep large tracts of land together.
- What percentage of the seats is filled in the rail systems currently used in Japan and Europe?
- What is the timeframe for the train to be built and operational?

Issues Raised:

None

Action Items:

None